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FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR BYRNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS BEXP NO NATO

SUBJ: AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT: SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S INVITATION
TO MINISTER FOSTERVOLL

REF: SECDEF 182106Z JUL 74

1. DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL WAS MOST PLEASED TO LEARN OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S FORTHCOMING INVITATION TO THE MINISTERS OF THE FOUR COUNTRY CONSORTIUM AND ADVISED ME OF HIS AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A TWO-DAY MEETING BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 12. AT MEETING WITH THE MINISTER JULY 26, FOSTERVOLL ALSO EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR VISITING EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON SINCE HE EXPECTS TO CONFER WITH THE FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER IN PARIS SEPTEMBER 8-9 AND MUST RETURN TO NORWAY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE U.S.

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2. WHILE MRS. FOSTERVOLL IS MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT THE U.S., THE MINISTER FEELS THAT THIS WILL BE A WORKING TRIP AND NOT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR HER TO ACCOMPANY HIM. THE MINISTER HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO THE US WITH HIS WIFE.

3. FINALLY, FOSTERVOLL AGREED TO HOLD THE NORWEGIAN CONTINGENT (AS YET UNDETERMINED) TO A MINIMUM AND PROMISED TO KEEP ME FULLY APPRISED OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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